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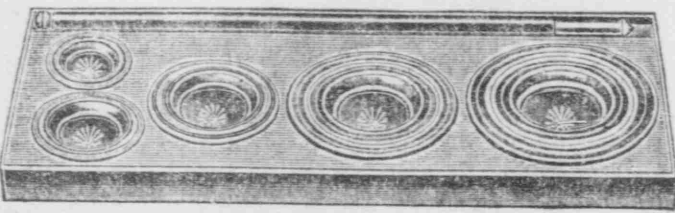
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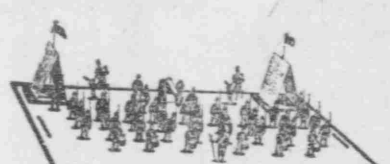
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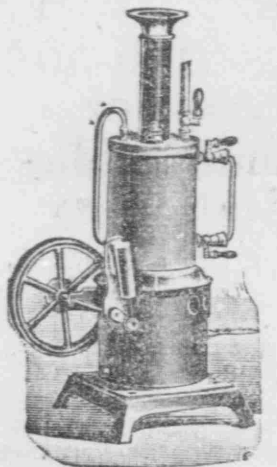
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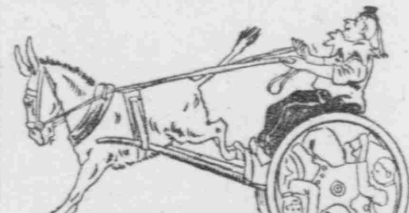
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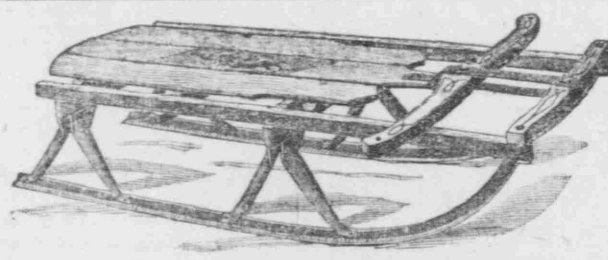
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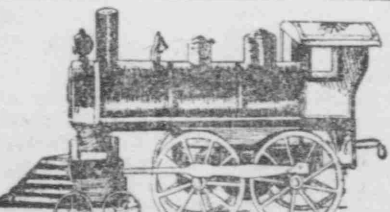
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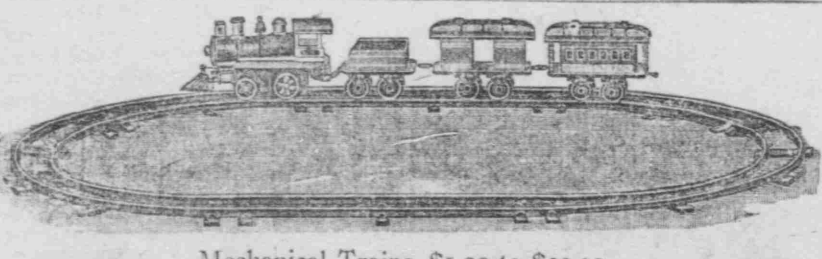
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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

Miss Erma Shaw to Be Presented at Tea To-day.

FIRST OF WEEK'S DEBUTANTES

Series of Dances by Officers at Navy Yard Begin Saturday—Important Dinner Parties Scheduled—Paymaster Ade Entertains Younger Society People on the Mayflower.

The first of this week's debutantes will be Miss Erma Shaw, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, who will be presented at a tea this afternoon at the Arlington Hotel.

Miss Edgardine Hastings will be presented to-morrow afternoon also, at a tea at the home of her uncle, Judge Mims.

Miss Jessie Steele's debut on Wednesday will be made at Rauscher's, where her aunt, Mrs. Arthur D. Addison, will give a large reception, with dancing.

Mrs. Frederick V. Abbott will entertain at a reception and dance on Thursday evening to introduce her twin daughters, and on Friday evening, Mrs. McLean will give a cotillion in honor of Miss Evelyn Chew.

The first of the three dances by the commandant and officers stationed at the Washington Navy Yard will take place on Saturday evening. The other dates selected for this series of dances are January 12 and February 3.

For the more mature members of society the week will bring a number of important dinner parties, with an afternoon reception by Mrs. Logan on Tuesday, and one by Mrs. Robert Hinckley on Saturday.

The weddings of the week will begin to-day with that of Miss Helen Hurst and Mr. Edward Oliver Gordon, of Cleveland, Ohio. Only a small company will attend the ceremony, for which no cards of invitation have been issued.

Col. and Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Chevy Chase Club.

Paymaster Ade entertained at a small tea yesterday afternoon at the Mayflower, now anchored at the navy yard. The guests were entirely from the debutante ranks, with the younger officers of the host's service. Mrs. Martin, wife of Paymaster J. B. Martin, U. S. N., did the honors.

Herr von Badowitz, son of the German Ambassador at Madrid, has been appointed second secretary of the German Embassy in this city, where he is expected during the present week.

Signor Centaro, of the Italian Embassy, who sails for Europe next Saturday, will entertain a large company at luncheon at the New Willard on Thursday.

Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger is the guest of Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer, at the latter's Philadelphia home. Before returning to Washington she will visit Mrs. James P. Kernochan in New York.

Mrs. Payne Whitney has concluded her visit to Washington and returned to her home in New York, where she is now entertaining Miss Jean Reid, daughter of the American Ambassador to London.

The Ambassador from Germany and the Baroness von Sternburg will entertain at dinner December 17, in honor of the Ambassador from Great Britain and Lady Durand.

The marriage of Miss Caroline Thompson, daughter of the late Hon. Hugh A. Thompson, of Washington and South Carolina, to Mr. John M. Harrington, of New York, will take place December 27 in Charleston, S. C. The ceremony will be solemnized at St. Michael's Church, and be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's mother.

Mrs. B. Reeves Russell will introduce her daughter, Miss Almyra De Camp Sessions, at an evening reception after the holidays. Mrs. Russell is at home Thursdays during December and January.

Senator and Mrs. Foraker have issued invitations to dinner for December 24.

Mrs. J. C. Pennie, formerly of this city, but now of Mount Clair, N. J., will pass this week in Washington as the guest of Mrs. Simon Wolf.

Mrs. Hawley, widow of Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, and Mrs. Charles Cole, widow of Judge Cole, of this city, have established themselves at Bruges, Belgium, where they will pass the winter, to be near their children, who are in school in that interesting city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ten Eyck Wendell, of New York, who spent the season in Washington several years ago, have returned and leased for the coming winter 1734 Connecticut avenue, where they are now established. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell have a beautiful estate at Cazenovia, N. Y., where they passed the autumn.

Miss Mary Hopkins has joined her parents, Col. and Mrs. Archibald Hopkins, at their home on Dupont circle.

In honor of the birthday anniversary of their daughter Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Dodson, of 1654 Monroe street, entertained a party of young people at their home. Cards formed the feature of the entertainment, and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Cornelia Tullis and the Misses Gales entertained a small company at cards in the parlors of the Afton House on Friday evening.

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IN THE GIRLS' SCHOOLS.

Washington College.
Mrs. Menefee recently entertained the girls in a charming manner. The affair was informal, but delightful. All the pupils and teachers participated. Games and other amusements were enjoyed by the girls, and when this pastime closed, a bounteous repast was served.

On Wednesday afternoon a literary gathering was held, when Miss The delivered an interesting account of "Mendelssohn's Life and Works." Miss Hickman favored those present with "Spinning Wheel," and Miss Verby gave "Rond Capriccioso" and "Spring Song." Miss Eichen rendered "Consolation," with splendid technique and feeling. Miss Downey's "Hunting Song" was heartily received.

Miss McDonald has returned from Richmond, where she spent Thanksgiving. Miss Griffin is back from Philadelphia, where she passed a delightful holiday.

Miss Hamilton, who was in Philadelphia, has returned, and Miss Karna, who enjoyed their Thanksgiving recess with their sister, are back to study.

Mount Vernon Seminary.
The young ladies of Mount Vernon Seminary, past and present, are very much interested in a kindergarten in Southwest Washington, which was formerly supported by Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst. This work is a delight and pleasure to the young ladies, and every year they arrange some function for the benefit of this work.

To-morrow, December 11, at 4:30, at the National Theater, as a benefit for this work, Mme. Schumann-Heink will appear in concert, under the auspices of the Mount Vernon Seminary Society.

Mrs. Somers' friends and former pupils will be pleased and interested to know that on Monday she held a brilliant reception in New York, at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. Somers received all her former pupils, some of whom she had not seen since the early days of the school. The event was an altogether charming one, and held many happy memories for those interested.

Trinity College.
His eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, accompanied by Mr. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University, and Rev. Father Dougherty, recently visited Trinity. His eminence granted the students a holiday on Friday, following Thanksgiving.

One day recently the students entertained their friends at a delightful tea. The great dining hall was lavishly adorned with potted plants and cut flowers. Pennants, class banners, and other appropriate decorations added to the beauty of the scene. Over 400 guests were royally entertained by the girls. Miss Sarah McQuaid, of Pittsburgh, a former student, who came down for the tea, spent a few days in addition. Miss McQuaid, the well remembered here for her beauty and charming personality.

The Misses Coaners have returned from their home in Buffalo, where they were called upon the sudden death of their brother. They have the sincere sympathy of all their friends.

Immaculate Seminary.
Senorita Mata recently received a visit from her father, who is consul to Chile. The girls are planning a musicale for their friends which will probably take place shortly before Christmas.

Martha Washington Seminary.
The young ladies are anticipating, with great pleasure, a tea which they will give on the 13th.

Their many friends will be interested to know that on the night of the 18th they will give a dance.

Mrs. Welliver entertained the young ladies at a charming luncheon at her home in Biltmore street last week. Before the Christmas holidays, which will begin on the 26th, a musicale will be given by the pupils in the department of music. The girls and their friends look forward to this function with much pleasure and interest.

The greater number of girls will go to their homes to enjoy Christmas.

Hamilton Institute.
The instructors will give an entertaining musicale and reception on Saturday next at 8 o'clock.

On Monday, the 17th, the girls will appear in a charming little French play. The girls will take part in an afternoon musicale on next Thursday afternoon, when an interesting discourse will be delivered, dealing with famous composers and their works.

The Christmas holiday will commence Tuesday morning, December 18.

WEBSTER TO WED SOON.

Ohio Congressman Will Become a Benedict on January 1.

Congressman Webster, of the Fourteenth Ohio district, will be married on New Year's Day to Miss Nettie Finch, of Hinkley, Ohio, in that city.

The ceremony will be performed by Rev. C. H. Sears, an uncle of the bride, who is a daughter of a prominent merchant in Hinkley, and many years the Congressman's junior. Mr. Webster's former residence in Washington last spring at the Providence Hospital, will leave for Ohio in a short time to make arrangements for the ceremony.

GOLF MEETING GOES WEST.

United States Association Will Assemble at Chicago.

New York, Dec. 9.—Chicago has been selected for the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association. It will be the first time since the organization in 1894 that the annual meeting has not been held in this city. The executive committee has previously announced the annual meeting for January 19 at Delmonico's. This is now rescinded and the executive committee makes announcement of Friday evening, January 19, at the time, and Chicago the place. Secretary Morgan states that the action is taken in response to a petition signed by the Western golf clubs and by a large number of prominent players in the West. The Western clubs, which have borne their full share in conducting the national championships, would seem entitled to the annual meeting at least once in three years.

Saint-Saens' Recital.

The Saint-Saens recital this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock is looked forward to by those who were fortunate enough to hear him with the Boston Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday last, with keenest pleasure, and the programme offered is a most attractive one. The two assisting artists, M. Edouard Dethier, violinist, and M. Leon Rannay, baritone, are to interpret a number of Saint-Saens' works according to the composer's ideas, which will be indeed a privilege to hear. Following is the programme: Violin concerto (B minor), (Saint-Saens), M. Dethier; "Quand je fus pris au pavillon," and "L'heure exquise" (Reynaldo Hahn), M. Rannay; caprice on the ballet airs from Gluck's "Alceste" (Saint-Saens), M. Saint-Saens; "Rond Capriccioso" (Saint-Saens), M. Dethier; "Rhapsodie d'Auvergne" (Saint-Saens), M. Saint-Saens; M. Rannay; quartet from the fourth act of "Henry VIII" (Saint-Saens), M. Saint-Saens, transcribed by the composer.

DIARY MADE PUBLIC

Memoirs of Duke of Cambridge Interesting.

MANY LETTERS FROM 'QUEEN'

Record of His Life Covers the Military History of England for Nearly Three-quarters of a Century—Was the Commander-in-Chief for Almost Forty Years—Crimean Veteran.

London, Dec. 9.—His royal highness, George, Duke of Cambridge, who died in 1904, had the excellent habit of keeping a diary. From March 26, 1829, when a little boy of nine, until November 5, 1905, by a happy coincidence, Inkerman Day, he entered daily his doings, interspersed with reflections of a more or less important description.

He died March 17, 1904, so that his diary covers nearly the whole of his life, three-quarters of a century, a period of intense activity not only in respect of his own personal doings, but of European history, in which he played a leading and, in some respects, a momentous part.

The record of his life, as set down by him, constitutes a practically exhaustive chronicle of England during the Victorian era, for he was an observer, as his diary indicates, who was intimately connected with the court, affairs of state, the functions of numerous philanthropic institutions in which he was interested, and the people's life in general.

The memoir of his life, edited by Dr. Edgar Sheppard, subaltern of the Chapel Royal, and a close friend of the late duke, which is just published, gives conclusive proof of two outstanding features in the strenuous character of the duke's daily life, and the high regard, which letters testify, in which Queen Victoria held her cousin throughout her life.

Veteran of the Crimea.

The duke was a true soldier, a veteran of the Crimea, and subsequently for many years commander-in-chief of the army. It is in this capacity that he is best remembered. He was appointed to this post on the death of Lord Hardinge, in 1856, and retained that office until 1857. It then became the painful duty of Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, the present premier, then secretary of war, to intimate that in the interests of the nation, new blood was needed at the head of affairs. The duke was very much hurt, but eventually was persuaded to tender his resignation.

Queen Victoria sent the duke a letter of warm thanks from Balmoral Castle, dated November 2, 1856, in which she said: "Believe me that I feel deeply for you, and this severance of a tie which existed so long between you and the army. I need not say that I shall be glad to have your opinion on affairs of importance connected with the army."

The Queen signed herself, "Your very affectionate cousin and friend."

Writing to his mother on September 22, 1854, the duke gave a graphic description of the battle of Alma.

On November 8, 1854, the duke wrote, telling about the battle of Inkerman.

Queen Sends a Gift.

A typical letter of the Queen was sent from Windsor Castle on December 25, 1854, in which she said:

"My Dear George: Let me wish you, in both our names, a happy Christmas and a happy and let us hope, a glorious New Year. At last I can send you my comfort, which is less romantic than the sword embroidered by the ladies for the knights of old, but equally useful, if not more so. I hope you will wear it often. It has given me much pleasure to knit it. The whole female part of this castle, beginning with the girls and myself, and ending with our maids, are all busily knitting for the army."

A letter from Prince Albert written at the same period to the duke stated:

"We are in terrible anxiety concerning all you dear ones, you can imagine. One is a thousand times calmer when in the presence of danger than at a distance. Added to that the D. D. D. telegraph three times a day brings the most contradictory news, tell-me-graphic—as Lady Morley calls them."

Respecting the Franco-Prussian war, the diary contains a reference on October 30, 1870. It runs:

"A hearing more of the details of the surrender of Metz, and it becomes more and more extraordinary to my mind." A little later the duke writes: "The terms of peace are fearfully exciting," and on another date he says: "I think those terms are really fearful."

As for the uprising in Egypt and the Sudan, it is interesting to note that the Duke of Cambridge approved of the mission of Gen. Gordon, although he was of the opinion that it should have been undertaken at a much earlier date.

Paduach to Undergo Repairs.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 9.—The United States ship Paduach, Capt. Winterhalter, arrived at the navy yard this afternoon from Norfolk, Va. The vessel will undergo extensive repairs, but will not go out of commission.

FRITZI SCHEFF AT CONCERT.

Prima Donna Applauds Work of the Marine Band.

A little drama in real life—a drama of old memories—was enacted last night at the New National Theater, where the United States Marine Band, under the direction of William H. Santelmann, rendered the second of its series of public concerts in Washington. It was the visit of Miss Fritz Scheff, the little prima donna of a dozen and one operas that have long ago taken their places among the great musical achievements of the centuries.

Miss Scheff, accompanied by her manager, Mr. Charles B. Dillingham, arrived in Washington about 4:30 yesterday afternoon. She went immediately to her hotel, where she expected to remain during the evening. Following the suggestion of Mr. Dillingham, she consented to attend the band concert.

The strains of "Tannhauser" were just dying away as she passed through the foyer of the theater, and the popular little songbird jumped with glee at the thought of being able to hear more of the celebrated opera. And this desire was gratified, for before her the Marine Band included so many classical numbers in their concert.

Several of the compositions of Lieut. Santelmann appealed to her very strongly, but it was when the prelude to "Iris" was rendered that Miss Scheff really awoke to the fact that her own little drama of life, on the stage was being brought back to her, waited upon the strains of the sweet music she heard. Following in close succession came "Lucia di Lammermoor," in which she sang at Covent Garden when but a girl in her teens. This was followed by "La Boheme."

"La Boheme" it was the very opera in which she, over six years ago, created the role of Musette, considered to be one of the greatest achievements placed to her credit. It was at the Metropolitan Grand Opera, New York City.

At the close of the number Miss Scheff seemed determined that it should be repeated. Her applause was most insistent, and it was then that the large audience realized who it was who so thoroughly appreciated the opera.

It has now been several years since Fritz Scheff appeared in grand opera, she having preferred to confine her efforts to the lighter musical pieces, in which she met with such success. But although she is not any more in the atmosphere of the great works of the masters, she knows how to appreciate their full value, and so it was that so much strenuous applause came from one of the boxes at the National Theater last night.

The programme covered a wide range of numbers, from the overture from "Tannhauser" and grand selection "La Boheme" down to the stirring marches which have made the Marine Band famous. Several compositions by the director of the band himself added to Mr. Santelmann's reputation as a writer of music, as well as a dignified and capable leader.

The sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor" (Donizetti), played by second leader Walter F. Smith, Messrs. Arthur S. Witcomb, Harry A. Stone, James M. Brantton, Edward McIntire, and Ole J. May, was perhaps the most effective of the numbers on the programme. One of the most graceful compliments to John Philip Sousa, the former leader of the Marine Band, is the large number of his marches which Mr. Santelmann placed on his programmes, and the audience of last night fully appreciated this fact by the applause which followed these numbers.

The soloist for the evening was Mr. Arthur S. Witcomb, cornetist. Mr. Witcomb played in excellent style "La Reve d'Amour" (Haydn), which won for him the approval of his listeners. The ever-welcome band playing "Star Spangled Banner" completed the programme, and the patriotism of the audience was apparent in that it rose en masse and stood throughout the playing of the selection.

GOLF AT PINEHURST.

Four Contests of National Importance to Be Held This Winter.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 9.—The local country club is planning for the biggest season in its history, and as has been the rule in the past, golf will be featured. Interest centering about four contests of national importance. The first of these will be the fourth annual midwinter tournament, January 17, 18, 19, and 20; the third annual St. Valentine's tourney following, February 12, 14, 15, and 16; the events culminating in the seventh annual United North and South amateur championship, which will fill in the time from March 27 to April 6, and will include men's, women's, and open events. Extensive work upon the golf course has made the summer a busy one here, the popularity of the game making it necessary to lay out a second eighteen-hole course, giving Pinehurst two eighteen-hole courses of championship length, an equipment unequalled in this country and not excelled in the world.

A novelty of the season, which is attracting considerable attention among golfers in the adoption of a new method of qualification for the midwinter tournament, is what is known as the Pinehurst system, the divisions being made up from the scores and handicaps of the players, and not by the usual medal play-round.

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